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**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Sat 10/10/2015 12:34:23 AM  
**Subject:** Re: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks

Hi Paula and Nancy - I think R9 would like it posted before Jared and others meet with Navajo next week - they will be in Window Rock on Oct 15. So it would be great to post it Tuesday the 13th...

Thanks-  
Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 9, 2015, at 5:14 PM, "Smith, Paula" <Smith.Paula@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Kelly- Do you know if this is absolutely critical to be posted this weekend? We have just re-emphasized that the web team has gone virtual, and little to no postings will be considered after business hours or on weekends unless they are an urgent, critical need. Please advise.  
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> - Paula  
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> From: StClair, Christie  
> Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 4:56 PM  
> To: Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula  
> Subject: Fwd: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks  
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> Nancy and Paula,  
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> How would you like to handle posting this report and desk statement?  
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> I believe Jared had requested it be posted ASAP.  
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> Please note that the desk statement below has been significantly revised. I have not yet edited this version.  
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> Also note that I've asked the EU to do a read-against to be sure the edits fully address his comments and questions.  
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> Thanks,  
> Christie  
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> Subject: RE: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks  
> I put in a few suggested changes to the desk statement. Please post the attached letter report as soon  
as possible. It has been revised per EPA comments.  
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> Thanks, Dan M  
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> Daniel A. Meer, Assistant Director  
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> From: StClair, Christie  
> Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:23 PM  
> To: Lee, Eugene; Meer, Daniel; Irizarry, Gilberto  
> Cc: Tenley, Clancy; Tulis, Dana; Smith, Terry; EOC Environmental Unit; EOC Public Information  
> Subject: RE: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks  
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> All,  
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> Here is the draft desk statement, which I'm also planning to use as the intro text for posting the report.  
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# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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> Please let me know if you have any comments or edits.  
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> Thanks,  
> Christie  
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 > From: Lee, Eugene  
 > Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:30 PM  
 > To: Meer, Daniel; Irizarry, Gilberto  
 > Cc: Tenley, Clancy; Tulis, Dana; Smith, Terry; StClair, Christie; EOC Environmental Unit; EOC Public Information  
 > Subject: RE: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks  
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 > Dan,  
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 > EOC EU and PIO have reviewed and comments are below and attached. Once we receive an updated version of the report incorporating comments you think can be addressed, we will run the final past OGC and our PIO will develop a brief desk statement to go along with the posting.  
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 > Let us know if this approach works for you.  
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 > Thanks,  
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 > HQ EOC EU Document review comments  
 > The report and the data are mostly fine. I do have a couple of comments that Region 9 might want to consider in making a few quick edits. These are:  
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 > 1) Under Scope of Work  
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 > The scope of services for the request was to collect water samples from eleven non-potable water  
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 > storage tanks provided by the EPA to the Navajo Nation for livestock and agricultural water. The  
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 > samples were submitted for analysis as potable water. The storage tanks were located at six  
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 > points in and around Shiprock, NM (Attachment 1). During the sampling, photographs were  
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 > taken and tank descriptions were recorded.  
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 > What does the sentence that I have red-lined actually mean. Did they send samples to a drinking water lab for analysis? The sentence could be interpreted maybe by some to indicate that the water was going to be used for human drinking water. I would suggest the sentence be deleted.  
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 > 2) In Table 1 under the header columns, what is PCL. This needs to be defined as a footnote.  
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 > 3) The document text states results were compared to the recreational screening values (RSLs), but the RSL comparison values are not included in Table 1. Suggest adding in the RSLs.  
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 > 4) The document text states results were compared to "Drinking Water Federal Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)", but Table 1 header column uses the term "EPA Drinking Water Regs". I would suggest changing "EPA Drinking Water Regs" to MCL, or footnote EPA Drinking Water Regs as defining these as MCLs.  
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 > 5) What is Sample PPTS? Is this a trip blank? It is not mentioned in the document text.

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> 6) Why are there many analytes in the SVOC analysis that have no results reported? (e.g. phenols and dichloro/trichloro benzene, etc).

> These are not show-stoppers, but might make the report a little more understandable by the general public.

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> HQ EOC PIO document review comments

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> Question on the report summary:

> 1. Was the water in Tank 31L also tested for presence of the oil residue?

> 2. What is the purpose of the overflow pipe and ladder?

> 3. What connection is there between the overflow pipe/ladder and the pipe where water flowed out of the tank for use?

> 4. Is there any possibility that the oil residue in the vicinity of the overflow pipe and ladder could have entered the water stored in Tank 31L?

> 5. Is there any possibility it could have entered the water as it flowed out of the tank?

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> From: Meer, Daniel

> Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 11:39 AM

> To: Irizarry, Gilberto; Lee, Eugene

> Cc: Tenley, Clancy; Tulis, Dana

> Subject: RE: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks

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> Sorry for the late hit but my RA wants to post this report on our website tomorrow. See what you can do to expedite review. Thanks, Dan

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> Daniel A. Meer, Assistant Director

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> From: Irizarry, Gilberto

> Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:10 AM

> To: Lee, Eugene

> Cc: Meer, Daniel; Tenley, Clancy; Tulis, Dana

> Subject: FW: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks

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> Eugene ... here you go with attachment ...

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> Thanks,

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> Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry, Director

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> From: Meer, Daniel

> Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 3:39 PM

> To: Tulis, Dana; Irizarry, Gilberto

> Cc: Tenley, Clancy

> Subject: START report on the evaluation of the livestock watering tanks

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> Dana and Tito – we had Weston evaluate the livestock watering tanks that we installed on the Navajo Nation, after the controversy about the water quality in the tanks.  
>  
> Our RA would like to put the Weston report on the web. Does the hqs EU need to review the report (attached) before we post it?  
>  
> Thanks, Dan  
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